

House Resolution 2344

By: Representative Hatfield of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of Thomas Clayton Gattis; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of its finest and most distinguished
3 citizens with the passing of Thomas Clayton Gattis; and

4 WHEREAS, he was an honest and dedicated man who strived for excellence in all his
5 endeavors as evidenced by his election as the Mayor of Waycross and as a member of the
6 Wayside City Commission; and

7 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United
8 States Army Air Corps in World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, an active member of the Central Baptist Church for more than 50 years, he
10 devoted substantial time to his community with his service in the Wayside Lions Club; and

11 WHEREAS, this beloved and humble man exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
12 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties
13 throughout his life; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a classic gentleman and a person of magnanimous strengths with an
15 unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

16 WHEREAS, the expression "When life gives you lemons, make lemonade" was truly
17 appropriate for this lemon tree aficionado, priding himself on lemon trees producing more
18 than 100 lemons; and

19 WHEREAS, his unparalleled organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
20 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of the citizens

1 of his community and state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
2 associates; and

3 WHEREAS, the passing of this generous, kind, and devoted family man leaves an unfillable
4 void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
6 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of
7 Thomas Clayton Gattis.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
9 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Thomas
10 Clayton Gattis.